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3 QUEEN'S GARDENS
ABERDEEN

14th May 1915.

My dear Seth, –

I can speak of MacIver, our University Lecturer in Political Science and Sociology, in the highest terms of commendation. He is a man of very keen intellect and of solid attainments. He has made himself a real power in Aberdeen, and is greatly liked by his students, whom he stimulates and guides in a remarkable way. He enters fully into the life of the University and does not spare

services; I shall be reconciled to his going away because of my personal connexion with that beautiful city and my regard for the President of the University whom I have the pleasure of knowing.

I am sending your letter to our Principal, and I know that he will testify to MacIver in much the same terms as I have done.

All joy to you in your new house. Isn't it that one that J. H. Smith had – beautiful for situation and in itself also?

My Sister joins with me in kindest regards. Yours ever,

William L. Davidson.

I hope to be at St. Andrews in the end of the month.

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himself in any way when work has to be done. He is an excellent lecturer – clear, forceful, pointed. I presided last year at one of his public lectures on Political thought – to a large mixed audience, and was greatly struck by his power of attracting and keeping up the attention of his hearers. His subject was "Proportional Representation"; and the way in which he handled it showed his thorough mastery of the subject and called forth general admiration, while his answering of questions at the end of the lecture impressed me with the keenness of his dialectic.

Personally, he is a delightful man to meet and to know, and he is a most agreeable colleague. He is an active man, and does not let the grass grow beneath his feet, and he is an enthusiast for his own subject.

He will be a great loss to Aberdeen when he goes from us; but should Toronto be fortunate enough to secure his

University of Aberdeen

May 16 1915

My dear Professor,

Mr. Davidson has shown me your letter about Mr. R. M. MacIver.

From my experience of himself and his work for nearly six years I can with confidence strongly recommend him for the Chair of Political Economy at Toronto. He has proved an admirable lecturer on Political Science and Sociology. His reading on these subjects has been remarkably wide and his mastery of them has long been evident to me. I have read several of his published articles and have been struck with his power of argument and the independence and

soundness of his judgements. His style is careful and lucid. He has impressed his students by his ability and full competence as a teacher, and has never had the very slightest trouble with them.

He has a very agreeable personality and makes a thoroughly good colleague. He has been willing for work outside his official duties and has lectured with great ~~enthusiasm~~ good will and power to the large classes under the auspices of the Workers Educational Association in co-operation with the University.

He has a high sense of the functions & duties of a University, in the life of the community; and I feel sure would prove a valuable guide and counsellor with regard to the civic interests and problems of any city of which he may become a citizen.

I know nothing but good of him

Yours sincerely

George Adam Smith

him in that connexion & he spoke in the warmest terms of him & his influence.

Whether we take into account his style in writing - always clear, forcible & refined - or his modest bearing & his genial company, I am quite sure that Toronto will be fortunate if it secures MacIver. He is a man of great promise & thoroughly well suited to deal with the Canadian youth.

Believe me to be
Sincerely yrs.
L. R. Phelps.
Provost.

I have addressed you formally. But how many years is it since the Philosophical Essays made me exclaim that a new hour had struck in our minds' day here!

[This must refer to my brother.
J. S. T

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Oriel College,
Oxford.
17 May 1915.

My dear Sir.

My old friend & pupil MacIver of Aberdeen has asked me to write you a few lines as to his fitness for a post in Canada.

I well remember his first coming to us - his stiffness, & his feeling of strangeness in every thing & everybody, - he was the embodiment of one's idea of a student from far off Thule. Of his abundant use of his time & opportunities here I will not speak at length, his after career is proof of it. But what I should like to dwell upon is the extraordinary attractiveness - charm, both mental & moral of MacIver.

He

was soon on intimate terms with
the best of our scholars. He be-
longed to all the literary & other
clubs in the place & where at
first he attracted good humoured
criticism by the freshness & naive
want of conventionality of his
opinions. He soon held his own
in writing & discussion. For
myself I have always felt that
the long walks wh. we took toge-
ther were at least as good
for me as for him & that I
learnt a great deal from him.
Everything that I have heard
from others of his work at
Aberdeen convinces me that he
has carried with him into his
work the same unconscious
charm wh. he showed in his
life here. Only yesterday I
was walking with one of our
undergraduates who knew
him

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16 May 1915

I have much pleasure in saying that I think my friend and former pupil Mr R. M. Maciver exactly qualified for work in the Department of Political Economy in the University of Toronto. I understand that the President is satisfied of his intellectual powers, and wishes some evidence of his personal qualifications. I have known his work for many years now, and consider him to have in a high degree the necessary personal qualities — energy, common sense, truly interest-

in his religion, loyalty as a colleague, fact, the power of getting on with people of different kinds. He was liked by everyone at Oriel when he was an undergraduate there. I have since met several of his pupils, and have never heard anything but the highest praise of his teaching. I think he may, from the point of view of political philosophy in this country, if he goes to Canada, and I feel sure that Toronto would be doing well for itself by securing his services.

W. D. Ross, Staff Captain
Fellow and Tutor of Oriel
College, Oxford

20 Bruce Avenue.
Edinburgh.

25th May 1915.

My dear Falconer,

I have "sounded" Mac Iver in terms of your letter of May 12th & he replies that he "would very gladly consider any such offer. It is entirely in the line of work to which I am most drawn, & I would very much prefer such a ~~place~~ post to the Cardiff one, for instance, of which I wrote to you yesterday. If I thought the opening to be certain, I would at once drop any

further negotiations towards the latter."

The post at Cardiff is the Chair of Logic & Philosophy which J. S. Mackenzie is resigning. Worth £425. Applications are to be in by June 12th.

It would simplify matters very much if you cabled to me ["Seth, University"] - provided you are clear that MacIver is the man for you.

I enclose a list of MacIver's publications. And before you get this letter, you will have received the evidence which I sent a week ago. So that perhaps you will be in a position to take action. I shall be glad, as always, to help you in any way.

I write in haste, to catch the Canadian mail. This deadful railway accident has deepened the national gloom. But we hope for the best. Truly Canada is sharing in the sacrifices & sorrows of the Mother Country.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

James Seth.

62, Hamilton Place,
Aberdeen, 13th May, 1915.

My dear Falconer,

I was very glad indeed to be in touch with you again, and shall be delighted to be of any service in the matter of which you wrote. I have been doing my best to get what information I could about your man. The difficulty is that the people who know him, and whom I know, are probably the people who have already sent you testimonials. I have spoken to Professor Curtis, Professor J. Arthur Thomson, and Professor Bailley. They are all quite unanimous about him, and I am struck with the fact that they all spoke very spontaneously. I think one can draw one's own inferences from the tone of such conversations almost as much as from the words, and there was no doubt at all as to the tone, any more than as to the words. It was extremely warm and friendly. They all say that he is an exceptionally good man; that his intellectual qualities and acquirements are very good, and that he gets on with men. I gather too that he is honestly and deeply interested in practical social reform. I think that there is really something more here than friendship and the desire to push a young fellow's chances. Thomson was peculiarly warm in speaking about him. After our conversation, I looked again at your letter, and saw that you laid emphasis on initiative and organising ability, and I wrote to Thomson, and asked definitely about these qualities. He replied, and I think that that rather enhanced what he had otherwise said, that that was a matter on which he really could not speak, as he had not tested him in that particular way, but he referred me to Bailley, whose assistant he had been. I thereupon sought out Bailley, asked him generally about MacIver, and in particular emphasised this point. He told me that MacIver had been his assistant for some years, and he spoke in similar terms about him as had Curtis and Thomson, and on the point of organising ability and initiative, he said that he believed that MacIver was very competent. I said, by way of chaff, and also with some desire to press matters further, that it was really very difficult to get an individual picture of MacIver, his friends were so eulogistic about him. Bailley replied, quite fairly, to the general effect that of course no man was perfect, and that no doubt MacIver had his limits, but that to dwell on these would be to give a quite unfair picture of the man as he was. I was struck with Bailley's genuine interest in him, for he is not indiscriminately amiable by any means, although he will stand staunchly by a sound man, and it says a good deal for your man that after 4 years intimacy with him, he should speak so warmly about him. That was yesterday, and/

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NORWOOD,
CULTS,
ABERDEEN.

May 12 · 15

My Dear Dr Cairns,

I have Sorley's permission to tell you that he read McIver's thesis for the D. Phil. degree in Edinburgh University (which McIver obtained this last spring), & that he (Sorley) thought the thesis "a very good piece of work". President ~~[illegible]~~ knows Sorley, so that the value of this opinion will be appreciated by the President; & the opinion should, I think, be handed on to the President when you write to him -

So far as I can gather from the nature of the post, McIver seems to me a most suitable & capable man for the work. He is young enough (about 33) to be able to learn

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ABERDEEN.

the requirements without any of the cramping
peculiarities of an older man, & he has
the practical ability to adapt himself to
the requirements. He is also much in
sympathy with "democratic ideas", which
is rather important in a young colony,
such as Canada.

Altogether I should have no
hesitation in giving him the post.

Yours truly

J. J. Walker

Copy of testimonial from J. B. Baillie, Esq., D.Phil., Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Aberdeen.

King's College,

Aberdeen, June 1911.

Mr. R. M. MacIver has occupied since October 1907 the dual post of Assistant in Moral Philosophy and Lecturer in Political Science in this University. As assistant he has given lectures to the honours and ordinary classes in Moral Philosophy, has examined and reported on class papers, and carried out tutorial work. In his capacity as Lecturer on Political Science he has had full charge of a class which is intended primarily for advanced students and Indian Civil Service candidates, and is conducted on an honours standard. He has thus had intimate experience of all that concerns the management of a University class. I have no hesitation in saying that his work throughout these four years has been a complete and unqualified success. His judgment is always carefully formed, definite, and well-balanced. His interest in teaching is genuine, and his attitude towards students most sympathetic: he wins the regard of the students personally, and secures their confidence as a teacher. Altogether Mr. MacIver has proved that he possesses the qualities and aptitudes that make for success in university work.

Mr. MacIver has more recently shown that he has the capacity to make useful and suggestive contributions to philosophical discussion. His papers in three philosophical periodicals reveal powers of refined scholarship, acute criticism, and independent reflection.

I have always found Mr. MacIver to be a singularly amiable colleague. He is self-reliant and has a healthy appreciative intellect on a scholarly mind. On matters of business he has ~~shown~~ 57

shrewd judgment and good practical sense.

I would cordially commend his claims for the post he is now seeking, and am confident he would be a happy acquisition to the University Staff.

(Signed) J.B. Baillie

Idem. The above testimonial was received just previous to my relinquishing my assistantship to Professor Baillie to take up a newly established lectureship of Political Science & Sociology in the University of Aberdeen.

R. M. M.

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(New address) 10 Braid Avenue

University of Edinburgh

18 May 1915.

My dear Falconer,

I enclose herewith the information which I have collected regarding R. M. MacIver of Aberdeen:— letters from the Principal (Dr. George Adam Smith), Prof. Davidson (Logic), the Provost of Oriel, & W. D. Ross, Fellow & Tutor of Oriel — also a testimonial from Prof. Baillie of Aberdeen (Moral Philosophy), who is always willing to be referred to. Should

I may mention that Professor Davidson's assistant (Mr. Laing) remarked to me that clearness was the characteristic of MacIver's teaching. Laing had been his pupil at Aberdeen.

His academic experience is very varied — ~~Abd~~ Edinburgh & Oxford as a student, Aberdeen as a teacher. His lectureship at Aberdeen is an independent one — a new post of which he is the first occupant.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

James Seth.

Rev. President Falconer,
University of Toronto

you wish to make further inquiries. I need not add that I shall be glad to get for you any additional information you may desire.

I have myself recently had the opportunity of judging of MacIver's ability as a lecturer, having heard a paper which he read to the Scots Philosophical Club at its meeting last Christmas. I think we were all much impressed by its ability & lucidity & also by MacIver's power of holding his own in the discussion which followed & in which Mr. Balfour, among others, took part. I think I have told you of his Thesis for the degree of D. Phil. which was conferred on him in the end of March. The subject was "Community: a Sociological Study" & the thesis was presented in book-form. It is to be published by Macmillan & Co. & is only being held back on account of the War. Professor Sorley of Cambridge was the external, & I the internal examiner; & we agreed in reporting that it was an important & original contribution to the subject. It comes to some 400 pages in print, & is very well written. It will undoubtedly make his reputation

List of work published or forthcoming.

[illegible].	1910.	"[illegible] of the Idea Theory."
	1912.	Same subject continued.
The Philosophical Review.	1911.	"Society and State."
The International Journal of Ethics.	1909.	"Ethics and Politics."
	[illegible]	"[illegible]."
	[illegible]	"Do Nations Grow Old?"
The Sociological Review.	1913.	"What is Social Psychology?"
	1914.	"Society and 'the individual'"
The Political Quarterly.	[illegible]	"[illegible] of Social Control."

In [illegible].

The Philosophical Review.	"Personality and the Supra-personal.
The Sociological Review.	"The Foundations of Nationality."

Besides the above Messrs. Macmillan are to publish [illegible] Autumn, a work entitled "Community: A Sociological Study" ([illegible])

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May 25th, 1915

Professor [illegible],

Columbia University.

Dear Professor [illegible]:

Many thanks for your letter mentioning the names of [illegible] men who might possibly fill vacancies with us that may occur next winter. [illegible] what we are to face nor have we made any definite arrangements. I am therefore much pleased to have these names and shall be glad to have them send any statements of their record and experience. I will communicate the letter to Professor Mayor.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Columbia University
in the City of New York
FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

June 2, 1915.

Professor Mavor,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Professor Mavor:

I ought to have written to you a long time ago expressing my very great delight in the monumental work on Russia which I have read during the winter with the utmost interest. It is surely something of which to be proud, and I am glad to see that it is receiving such wide and favorable comment.

I wrote to President Falconer a week or two ago about some possible vacancies in your Department. I have no doubt that the President has brought the letter to your attention. I should like to put in an especially good word for McFall, who is a Canadian. Can you let me know as to whether there is any chance for him at all? He is considering one or two other places, but I have advised him to wait for a bit until he hears from Toronto.

With kind regards to the ladies,

Faithfully yours,

Allyn A. Young

Columbia University
in the City of New York
FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

June 16, 1915.

President Robert A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear President Falconer:

I am not quite sure whether in mentioning to you some candidates for the prospective vacancy in economics I mentioned the name of Mr. Brissenden, who was University Fellow with us during the past year. If I have not already done so, I should like to call your attention to the advisability of looking up his qualifications also, as we think very highly of him.

Faithfully yours,

Edwin R. A. Seligman
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June 18th, 1915

Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman,

Columbia University.

Dear Professor Seligman:

I have to thank you for your additional favour bringing forward the name of Mr. Brissenden as a possible appointee for an instructorship in Economics. His name has been mentioned by several others, but your recommendation will be of great value.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 4th, 1915

[illegible] University, [illegible],

[illegible] Hall,

[illegible] University, [illegible] Iowa.

[illegible]

[illegible] Secretary.

May 31st, 1915

Paul F. Brissenden, Esq.,

Fayerweather Hall,

Columbia University.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your application for a position in the Department of Economics in the University of Toronto. I will be glad to consider any recommendations that you may have forwarded to me in connection with it. I do not think that we shall make any appointment until towards the end of June.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 12th, 1915

Professor C. Fisher,

University of California.

Dear Sir:

I am much indebted to you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Weissenber, who is applying for a position as Instructor in the Department of Economics. We shall, I expect, soon be making an appointment and we have a number of applications. I am glad, however, to have your letter strongly supporting Mr. Weissenber. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Livingston Hall
Columbia University
New York City
23rd June 1913

President R. A. Falconer
Toronto

Dear Sir:

I write to advise you that I am not now a candidate for a position in the Economics Department at Toronto for the reason that I am accepting another position.

Yours truly
[illegible]

Columbia University
in the City of New York
FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

June 4, 1915.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:-

I have heard indirectly that there is some possibility of an opening or openings in the Department of Economics in Toronto, and venture to send you a word with reference to a former student of mine and also concerning one of my colleagues.

If your position is that of a professorship, I make bold to suggest the name of my colleague, Professor Robert E. Chaddock, who is, in my opinion, rowing a stroke oar in the Economics Department here. He has the statistical end in his charge, and his handling of it is sufficient to give one confidence in the future of economics as an inductive science rather than as a mere embodiment of philosophic conceptions of varying subjectivity. Dr. Chaddock is an extremely fine man in every way,-one of the very best we have,-and I cannot think of any better fortune for Toronto than to secure his services in this field. I am writing quite without his knowledge, and should be glad to furnish you with any other information, if it is apropos.

If you have an instructorship, Mr. R. J. McFall, concerning whom Professor Seligman has written, I believe, would do very well, I should think. He has been president of the British Empire Club this winter, of which I have been the honorary president, and I have seen him in this personal way. He has also taken my lecture course in social and industrial history, but I have not come in touch with him in that intimate way which would permit me to judge of his mentality other than in general reactions such as are noticeable in conversation. He seems to be a thoroughly fine fellow. He is ardently Canadian and yet has had enough experience in the world at large to help him form a just opinion concerning things Canadian, which, I presume, is going to be more and more necessary if this war continues. I am sure that Mr. McFall would bring to the position energetic co-operation with your plans. Beyond that I am hardly qualified to speak.

— May I add that my American colleagues are as deeply concerned as I am over the outcome of the war —

Yours very truly,

James T. Shotwell

P.S. After writing the above I happened to see Professor Chaddock and spoke to him. He had a letter from Dr. Johnston stating that you would probably want a successor to Professor Mavor. If there is any chance of Chaddock being appointed I should be glad to answer any questions you might wish to have answered about him. I wish it were possible for him to call upon you that you might have a talk with him; but he has no desire to put himself forward as a candidate in any way to be misunderstood. He is a fine, manly fellow, and, therefore, has a becoming (and scholarly) modesty!

J. T. S.

May 31st, 1915

R. J. McFall, Esq.,

3115 Broadway,

New York.

Dear Mr. McFall:

I am glad to have your application for a position in the Department of Political Economy. We have not yet decided what we shall do and may not reach a decision for some weeks yet. I shall be glad, however, to consider your name with Professor Mavor, the head of our department. There are already several other candidates, but I hope that we may reach a decision by the end of June.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Ack Syd 4-6-15

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Geneva College
Beaver Falls, Pa.
W. Henry George, President.

June 2, 1915.

President Falconer,
Toronto University,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir :

Mr. Robert J. McFall of Columbia University informs me that he is making application to you for a position in Economics. I know Mr. McFall personally having had him in my classes for two years, and am heartily glad to recommend him as a bright, capable young man. He assisted us in teaching and his work was very satisfactory. He interests his students and maintains order easily.

I think you will make no mistake by electing him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. Henry George.

President Geneva College.

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June 4th, 191[illegible]

[illegible] Henry George,

[illegible] College,

[illegible] Hills, [illegible].

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Yours very truly,

[illegible]'s Secretary.

June 9th, 1911

Professor J. T. Shotwell,

Columbia University.

My dear Professor Shotwell:

It was very kind of you to write me a few days ago and I appreciate your letter and your opinion very much. Dr. [illegible] Johnson had already suggested to me the name of Professor Chadock as one who, if we could get him, would be a great force in the Department. I am glad also to have your independent judgment. [illegible] professor. Professor Lloyd must be our regret in leaving after six years [illegible]. [illegible] is hardly of sufficiently high grade to attract Professor Chaddock. Moreover we had some weeks ago been communicating with a brilliant lecturer in Aberdeen, who has had an exceedingly good career in Edinburgh and Oxford, and is just publishing a book, which has received extremely good reviews from those who have read it. We are likely to offer him the associate professorship, and if he comes I think we shall be extremely fortunate.

I am glad to have from you also a confirmatory testimony in favour of Mr. R. J. McFall of whom Professor Seligman wrote to us. We have several others names before us, and have so far not arrived at any decision. We should like to get a man in that place who would work up to something good afterwards. From what you say of Professor Chaddock I shall keep him in mind for the future if we should soon have

am opening which he would be willing to accept.

I tried to see you last February when I was in New York, but I found that you were not in your rooms, and the only result I had of my visit was that I met one of our graduates who was going to her work [illegible] your department.

We are all very much pleased that the United States is veering [illegible] to the side of the Allies, because even if she does not [illegible] the war, [illegible] ion of [illegible] is all on one side. The resignation of Bryan seems to me [illegible] serious situation. One cannot fathom the [illegible]-stability of the German mind which could address such an answer [illegible]-spirited people as that sent to President Wilson's note.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

[illegible].

McMASTER UNIVERSITY
TORONTO
ONTARIO, CANADA

Sarnia, Ont., May 27, 1915.

President R.A.Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I present the following statement respecting my equipment for the teaching of Economics and Kindred Subjects.

My undergraduate work was done at McMaster University, from which I graduated in 1910. Honor Mathematics and Physics were my main subjects during the first two years; thereafter Honor Economics, together with Sociology and Education received chief attention.

My graduate work was done at the University of Chicago, in the Departments of Political Economy (Major) and Sociology (Minor). I received the degree of Dr. in the spring quarter of 1914. The class room work was divided between two main fields; the "Industrial Field" covering ~~covering~~ such courses as Economic History, Trusts, Banking, Corporation Finance, Railway Transportation, and Railway Rates, and Legislation, also Trade and Tariffs; and the"Sociological Field" covering such courses as, statistics, labor problems, charities, social legislation, social origins and theory. The Minor in Sociology included a couple of courses in Political Science. Of course, I took the work in Economic theory. You will shortly receive a few letters, respecting my academic work at Chicago.

My thesis on "The Canadian Iron and Steel Industry" (secondry title,"A Study in the Economic History of a Protected Industry") was awarded honorable mention in the Hart Schaffner Marx Prize essay competition in 1913 and is being published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It will be out in June. I shall send a copy in page proof to Professor Mavor as soon as pos-

,Pres. R.A.Falconer, cont'd--

sible. I have also published a couple of Scientific articles, in the Journal of Political Economy, and others of a more popular character, eslewhere.

My teaching experience covers four years of work at McMaster, where I have had all the work in Economics and some of the work in Sociology. As we have had a system of giving courses in alternate years, I have had to cover a rather wide range of subjects. Some of those who would know something of my work as a teacher are;-

Professor R. Wilson Smith, 112 Albany Ave., Professor of Biology;

Dean W.S.McLay, McMaster University, Professor of English;

Mr. W.S.Wallace, 94 Admiral Road, Lecturer in History.

My position at McMaster University, is that of Lecturer, although I have understood that advancement to a full professorship will come soon. My salary last year was $1700. and will be $1900. this year.

Besides my academic work I have taken an interest in the civic movement in Toronto; first as Secretary of the Municipal Improvement Association, and more recently as Secretary of the "City Club Committee", to whom I have recently presented a report on "Organizations for the Discussion of Civic Affairs". I spent a month last summer at the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, learning something of their methods. Some of those who know of my Municipal activities are;-

Mr. John A. Cooper, Editor of Canadian Courier.

Mr. S.Morley Wickett, of Wickett & Craig, Don Esplanade.

Mr. John Firstbrook; Firstbrook Box Co., 283 King St., E.

Mr. Oliver Hezzelwood, McLaughlin Carriage Co.,128 Church St.

Dr. Franklin Johnston, 349 Brunswick Ave.

Dr. Horace L. Brittain, Director of the Bureau of

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TORONTO
ONTARIO, CANADA

Pres. R.A.Falconer, cont'd--

the Municipal Research, 813 Traders Bank Bldg.

Some of those of your own staff, who know me are;-

Professor C.Wright, Department of Architecture.
Dr. Gilchrist, Department of Physics.
Mr. A.D.LePan, Department of Grounds and Bldgs.

I have written you at length, in view of my absence, from the City, but do not hesitate to ask me to come to Toronto, if you would prefer that. I hope that some arrangement satisfactory to all concerned may be reached.

Yours very truly,

W J McDonald

May 31st, 1915

Mr. A. J. L. Donald,

Carmel, Cal.

Dear Mr. Donald:

I have your letter of application for a position in Economics. I shall consider carefully the details that you lay before me in it.

Yours sincerely,

President.

The University of Chicago
Department of Political Economy

1 June 1915

President R.A. Falconer
University of Toronto
Toronto

My dear Sir:

When I last wrote you concerning Dr. W.J.A. Donald I was unable to speak very definitely of his work as a teacher. Since, however, I have had an opportunity to talk with a couple of men who either studied under him or are closely familiar with his teaching. Both of them indicate that he has been able to attract to himself a considerable group of students, that he has been able to interest them seriously in their work, and has secured a thoughtful and positive reaction on their part. I am also informed that he is personally very well liked by the students and has shown a very sincere interest in them, one which they appear distinctly to appreciate.

Very truly yours

Chester W. Wright

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813-20 Traders Bank Bldg., TORONTO 3rd June 1915.

Robert A. Falconer, Esq., LL.D.
President, University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that there is a vacancy on the staff of the Political Science Department of Toronto University and that Professor W.J.A.Donald has requested that he be considered for the position. At Professor Donald's suggestion I am writing to you concerning my knowledge of his ability and attainments.

I have known him very intimately since March 1914, and have been associated with him in an advisory capacity in several practical movements looking toward the better government of the City of Toronto. Dr.Donald has, in highly developed form, the conception of community service as obligatory on educational institutions and vitalizes and moderates his teaching by bringing to his classes the results of his practical experience in community service, as well as by giving his students personal opportunity for actual laboratory work in community and public service. I have always considered Dr.Donald as an honorary member of the staff of the Bureau of Municipal Research, and in fact he has frequently attended our staff meetings.

Knowing that you have no knowledge of me personally, and simply for the purpose of giving you some basis for forming a judgment as to the possible value of this testimonial, I might state that I am a graduate in Arts of the University of New Brunswick, with an M.A. in Economics from that institution. I also hold a Doctor's degree from Clark University, Worcester,Mass. in School Administration and psychology. President W.C.Murray of Saskatchewan University was Professor in Economics at U.N.B. when I was an under graduate, and I took my chief work at Clark University under Dr. G. Stanley Hall.

Yours sincerely,

Horace L. Brittain

HLB.EMS

June 4th, 1913

Horace L. Brittain, Esq.,

[illegible] Traders Bank Building,

Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by President Falconer to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of commendation for Mr. M. J. M. Donald, who is an applicant for a position on our staff in Political Economy. It will be considered along with others when the appointment is considered.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

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[illegible], 1917

J. A. Cooper, Esq.,

"Canadian Courier",

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Many thanks for your letter about Mr. Donald of Schaefer. I am glad to have your opinion with regard to him, though we are quite doubtful yet as to what our procedure will be. We are faced with the vacancies in that department, and we cannot make our arrangements at once.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 20th, 1915

Dean L. C. Marshall,

The College of Commerce and Administration,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Dean Marshall:

Many thanks for your letter with regard to Mr. Donald. I am glad to have in brief statement your rating of Mr. Donald along with the other men whom you mentioned to me. I do not know yet what I shall do.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

June 11th, 1915

Professor C. E. Merriam,

University of Chicago.

Dear Professor Merriam:

I have to thank you for your letter in commendation of Mr. J. T. A. Donald who is applying for a position on our staff in Economics. We shall probably not make an appointment yet for some weeks. I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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[illegible], 1915

Dear Albion A. Small,

The Graduate School of Arts and Literature,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Dear Small:

It is very good of you to write [illegible] behalf of Mr. [illegible], and [illegible] for a position in the Department of Political Economy. [illegible] of Mr. [illegible], and I am sure that it will [illegible] to consider the appointment. I am not yet sure, however, to say exactly what will be done.

With [illegible] regards, I am,

[illegible]

[illegible]

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June [illegible], 1915

Professor [illegible],

The University of Chicago.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of President [illegible] I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in [illegible] Dr. [illegible].

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

May 28th, 1918

Professor Chester W. Wright,

Department of Political Economy,

The University of Chicago.

Dear Professor Wright:

I have to thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. E. J. Donald, who is an applicant for a position with us in the Department of Political Economy. Your certificate will be of value to us when we come to make a decision.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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summer address is
2425 Ridge Road, Berkeley,
California -

I am
Sincerely yours
Fred R. Macaulay

P.S. The matter is, of course, of no consequence, but Professor was incorrect in saying that I was an American. I am a Canadian, my father being T. B. Macaulay of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Rec'd July 6, 1915 423 W. 120th St 69
New York City
June 3. 1915

President R. A. Falconer
University of Toronto
Toronto, Ont.

Dear sir,

Professor Seligman has suggested my name in connection with an opening in your department of Economics. In line with your letter of May 25th, I should like to briefly state what some of my preparation has been.

in a stock exchange house and as the financial editor of a daily newspaper (The Denver Times.)

I have had published a number of articles in New York financial magazines.

I would refer you particularly to Professor Wesley C. Mitchell who has had charge of my dissertation. (Professor Mitchell's

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I have a B.A., an M.A., and an LL.B. degree. I have passed my doctor's examination and my dissertation (on Economic Cycles) is far advanced. I have passed the first examination of the British Institute of Actuaries. I have passed a state bar examination (Colorado - top man.)

I have had some experience in the actuarial branch of life insurance,

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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND LAW
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July 3, 1915.

Prof. James Mavor, Ph. D.,
8 University Crescent,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have just learned from my friend Prof.W. T. Jackman, lately of the University of Vermont, that he is a candidate for a position in the Department of Economics in the University of Toronto, and I am exceedingly glad to be able to recommend him to you.

I have known Prof. Jackman for the past thirteen years, during which time we both of us have been teaching in the University of Vermont.

I consider him to be a modest and industrious gentleman of scholarly attainments, well read in economics, banking and accounting and a capable instructor in these subjects.

There are many of his old students, now occupying responsible positions, who have expressed themselves as enthusiastic over the instruction they have received from him.

Yours very truly,

Henry B. Shaw

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
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BURLINGTON, VT. July 3, 1915 191

Professor James M. Mavor, Ph. D.,
8 University Crescent,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Sir:-

It gives me the greatest pleasure to commend my colleague of fourteen years' standing, Professor W. T. Jackman, who is, I understand, a candidate for a position in your department. Mr. Jackman is a sound scholar , as his careful and fruitful researches show; a faithful and efficient teacher, as all of us here can testify; and a Christian gentleman of lofty ideals and generous sympathies. He is a thoroughly honest thinker and worker. Like all those who know him best, I have the highest regard for Mr. Jackman's character and abilities, and I shall deem very fortunate any institution that secures his services. You will surely make no mistake in engaging him.

Yours very truly,

Frederick Tupper

May 3rd, 1915

Professor O. D. Skelton,

Queen's University,

Kingston, Ont.

My dear Professor Skelton:

Many thanks for your letter in support of Professor Swanson's candidature in connection with our vacant Associate-Professorship in the Department of Political Economy. I recognise that Professor Swanson is a man of high standing. There are, however, a good many questions that we have to face before filling this position, as it is possible that it might involve the reversion of the headship within a few years.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

HON. W. S. FIELDING
PRESIDENT AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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The Rev. R. A. Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Falconer,

May I take the liberty of commending to your favorable consideration Professor W. W. Swanson of Queen's who, I understand, is a candidate for the Chair of Political Science in Toronto University.

I came in contact with Professor Swanson in connection with journalistic work. From his service in that sphere and from my intercourse with him, I formed a very high opinion of his character, ability and industry. We regarded him as ~~the~~ a most valuable member of our staff and we still welcome him as an occasional contributor. My acquaintance with him has not been long, but to the extent of my opportunities to judge him, I have no hesitation in expressing the highest appreciation of his qualities. I feel assured that in whatever field he may find his work, he will acquit himself with honor and with success.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. Fielding

May 11th, 1915

Hon. W. S. Fielding,

"Journal of Commerce",

Montreal.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

Many thanks for your letter in which you write favourably considering Professor M. M. Swanson, who is a candidate for the chair of Political Economy in our University. I am glad to know that you have formed such a high opinion as to his character, ability, and industry. Your opinion will of course carry very great weight. We are in a difficult position and we shall proceed rather carefully.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.